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## RESPONSE TO STATUS INQUIRY

This is in response to the Status Inquiry filed 6/15/98 in Application No. 08/422360 Appeal No. 97-1187 the status of the application is indicated as follows:

( x ) Your appeal was received on Jan. 9, 1997, at the Board and it is currently awaiting review prior to docket assignment.

( ) Your appeal is currently assigned to the docket of an Administrative Patent Judge. There are \_\_\_\_\_ appeals ahead of your appeal on that judge's docket.

( ) Your appeal has been reviewed and is currently awaiting assignment of a hearing date.

If there any questions regarding the status of this or any other application awaiting decision at the Board, please call one of the Program and Resources Administrators at (703) 308-9797.